



Historical Facts

Clemmons was founded in 1802 by Peter Clemmons who moved his wife and 14 children to the area from Delaware. Mr. Clemmons originally bought 216 acres in Clemmons for \$542. Although other settlers lived in the area, it was Peter Clemmons who developed Clemmons into a community. He opened a store and old deeds refer to him as "Peter Clemmons, merchant of Clemmonsville". The Peter Clemmons House is still located west of the United Methodist Church on Clemmons Road (US 158). Just west of his house, he built the first bridge across the Yadkin River.

Edwin T. Clemmons, who lived from 1826 until 1896, was a great-grandson of Peter Clemmons. As a boy he was intrigued by the stagecoaches running through the area. Edwin was educated in the Salem Congregation and married Harriet "Hattie" Butner in 1858. He and Hattie had no children. The 1870 census lists Edwin Clemmons as a stage and mail contractor, owning several stage lines based in Salem and running to points such as Clemmons, High Point, Raleigh, Asheville and Wytheville, VA. The stagecoach business continued to grow for Edwin as indicated by orders for new coaches from the Abbot-Downing Company based in Concord, New Hampshire. His last and largest coach, a nine-passenger Concord Coach, was purchased from this company in 1872. He named it the "Hattie Butner" after his wife. After the coming of the railroad in the 1870's, Edwin moved his stagecoach business to Asheville. He returned to Clemmons shortly before he died in 1896. In his will he left money for the construction of a Clemmons Moravian Church and a school. His widow also donated the "Hattie Butner" stagecoach to the Wachovia Society. Hattie Butner Clemmons died in 1910. The Village of Clemmons was incorporated as a municipality in December of 1986. In 1993 the Wachovia Society officially donated the "Hattie Butner" to the Village of Clemmons. The restoration of the coach was completed in 1995 through \$22,000 in donations received by the Clemmons Historical Society. The "Hattie Butner" is currently on display at the Village Hall.